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Mr. Fred Durfee
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Redvale, Colorado 81431

Dear Mr. Durfee:

Mr. John Schumacher's letter to the Utah Industrial Commission of April 5th has been referred to our Division.

Last May of 1975, the Utah Legislature passed the Mined Land Reclamation Act and assigned the responsibility for its administration to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Under this Act all mine operators in the state are required to notify the Division of their activities. In the case of most operations, the operator must file a notice of intent and a brief reclamation plan with the Division. There is a provision in the Act which excludes the small operator. An operator who is removing less than 500 tons of ore per year or is disturbing less than two (2) acres of ground regardless of the ore tonnage. In these cases the operator need only to sign a statement to that effect and let the Division know the mine location. We've found that because of the nature of uranium mining, most operators in the Hanksville-Green River area fall under one or both of these exclusions.

Enclosed is a copy of the Act, Rule -M- and forms MR 1, 2 and 4, for the various types of filing. Please contact us as soon as possible. We would like to expedite things as much as possible with the least amount of hassle for the independent miner while still complying with the intent of the Act.

Very truly yours,

James W. Carter
Engineering Geologist

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cc: John Schumacher

Enclosed: Mined Land Reclamation Act
Rule -M-
MR 1 (Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations)
MR 2 (Mining and Reclamation Plan)
MR 4 (Declaration of Exemption)